

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Action issued April 5, 2007. Claims 1-14 and 25 are pending in this Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, and 25 have been amended and Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1, 6-9, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dury. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable features of Claim 3. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 6-9, 11, and 12 are not anticipated by the Dury patent.

Claims 2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dury. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent Claim 1, from which Claim 10 depends, has been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Dury patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 10 is patentably distinct from the Dury patent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 13, 14, and 25.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 3-5 if placed into appropriate independent form. The features of Claim 3 have been placed into Independent Claim 1 and Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended into proper independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 4, and 5 are in condition for allowance.

With Claims 1, 4-14, and 25 now being in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this Application.

This Response to Examiner's Final Action is necessary to address the remaining outstanding rejections to the claims and place the claims in condition for allowance. This Response to Examiner's Final Action could not have been presented earlier as the examiner has only now provided the current interpretations of the cited art in support of the rejections to the claims.

With the presentation of two new independent claims, no additional filing fee is due as two paid for independent claims were previously canceled during the prosecution of this Application.

CONCLUSION

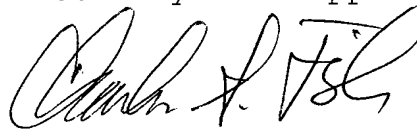
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons and other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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